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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

In a telephone conference with Examiner Meller on October 29, 2003, the Examiner requested and the Applicants agreed to amend the claims as provided on page 2. Applicants do not believe any fee to be due, however, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this Supplemental Amendment, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being faxed to Examiner Micheal V. Meller at Art Unit 1654 of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 31, 2003.


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